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Dear Harry,

About a week ago Lifton was on a TV program, "Hard Copy."

Jerry Ray phoned to tell me about it and offered to tape it from the Chicago station whose promotion he'd heard.

I checked the local TV listings and found it was to be aired on Channel 4 a week ago today. I did not use the VCR not knowing who'd be on and expecting crap.

And I wasn't able to pay close attention to it, but as I recall it Lifton is changing parts of his story.

I think he has now eliminated Walter Reed.

Today I got the sound tape from Jerry if you did not take the show in and would like to know what he said.

I'm not taking the time to listen to it now and would find it difficult even to hear with the noises being made while central air conditioning is being installed.

It is my recollection that Lifton was not embarrassed or even apologetic about his admitted major error in basing his book on the fiction that the body was altered at Walter Reed.

I do not recall that he offered any explanation and if he gave a new explanation of how the alterations were possible or where and how made and by whom.

While I have no way of knowing what made him exculpate Walter Reed, I suspect it is because I told Paul Hoch that the gate through which he said the ambulance snuck in was locked, with nobody at it to open it.

Best,

Harold